

Strengthening of the Capacities from the Guatemalan Civil Society in Security Issues

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In agreement with the reference terms included on the project Strengthening of the Abilities of the Guatemalan Civil Society in Security Issues document # GUA/003/RA1, approved on August 19, 2003, with the presence of representatives from USAID, UNOPS, WSP and FOSS, during the period from July first to December thirty first two thousand four, the following activities were carried out, oriented toward to the achievement of the following results:

Result # 1 (R1): As a contribution to Civil Society, the IGEDEP and the Study Program in Democratic Security (PESD), have been institutionalized, strengthening the technical and institutional abilities of the organizations specialized in security issues.

Result # 2 (R2): Specific Projects and Studies are executed by the civil society organizations, contributing to the technical and institutional strengthening, and to the development of national abilities in order to correct the national security sector institutions.

Result # 3 (R3): Organizations of the civil society are represented and participate actively in the writing of security process policies within the Security Counselor Board (CAS).

Date	Activities	Results
July 2004	Meetings with CAS.	R3
	PESD Coordinating commission meeting.	R2
	Meeting with IGEDEP and MINUGUA to program training course.	R1
	Meeting with UNOPS to evaluate the project's advance.	R2
	Meeting with representatives of the British Embassy, to evaluate the advance in the correction program to the Security Sector (PRESS).	R1-R2-R3

August 2004	Meeting with the coordination of the Technical Team of PRESS, to plan the National Security Schedule event.	R1-R2-R3
	Monitoring meeting with FLACSO, in the PESD context.	R2
	Meeting with representatives of the Defense Ministry, to establish the coordination mechanism with PESD.	R2
	Periodical meetings with representatives of the Organizations who integrate the Consulting Board of PESD.	R2
	Coordination meeting with UNOPS and representatives from the British Embassy to evaluate the advances of PRESS.	R1-R2-R3
	Meetings with CAS.	R3
	Meeting with representatives of WSP, USAID, PNUD, British and Switzerland Embassies, to prepare an event about the role of the civil society in the reforms of the security sector.	R1-R2-R3
	Meeting with the Security commissioned.	R1-R2-R3
	Participation in workshop of USAID, to discuss the issues to be included on primary threatening list.	R1-R2-R3
	Meeting with the Congress Directive Board to discuss the contents of a cooperation agreement between FOSS and that institution.	R1-R2-R3
	Meeting with Guatemalan Network for Democratic Security.	R2-R3
	Beginning of the Participant Investigation Seminary, to the approximation of a National Security Schedule (ANS).	R1-R2-R3
	Coordination meetings with the Technical Team of the	R1-R2-R3

Sept 2004	ANS seminary.	
	Attendance to a breakfast with congressmen and coordination meetings with the responsible of interlocution before the Congress.	R1-R2-R3
	Approximation meeting with the Woman Presidential Secretary, to discuss the probability of support for the institutional strength in security issues.	R1-R2-R3
	Periodical meetings with CAS.	R3
	Workshop about the Basic Threat Schedule, with the participation of CISEN from Mexico.	R1-R2-R3
	Meetings with IGEDEP to evaluate advance and to program joint activities, specially the hiring of the investigator who will be in charge of writing the initial Proposal of the Superior Course in Democratic Security.	R1-R2
	Coordination meeting with UNOPS-AID-WSP.	R1-R2-R3
	Periodical meetings with the members of the institutions who form CC of PESD.	R2
	Periodical meetings with the members of the Technical Team of ANS Seminar.	R1-R2-R3
	Meeting to analyze the National politics opportunity, with the SAE Secretary.	R1-R2-R3
October 2004	Meetings with Ana Garita from Pro-Ley of MINUGUA.	R1-R2-R3
	Breakfast with the director of the Center of Superior Studies of the National Defense (CESDNA), to continue with the discussion of the coordination mechanisms between the Defense Ministry and the investigators of the projects who are executing issues related to this area.	R2
	Coordination meeting with a representative of the USAID to discuss the advance of the project.	R1-R2-R3

Nov 2004	Meeting with CAS.	R3
	Monitoring meetings with institutions of CC of PESD.	R1-R2
	Meetings with Technical Team of ANS Seminar.	R1-R2-R3
	Meeting with the responsible of the linking with the Congress of the Republic.	R1-R2-R3
	Meeting with the General Attorney of Human Rights, to agree on the terms of a cooperation agreement.	R1-R2-R3
	Meeting with the Planning and Scheduling Secretary of the Presidency, to coordinate his participation on the ANS Seminar.	R1-R2-R3
	Meeting with Dr. Edelberto Torres-Rivas, from the United Nations, Project for the Development (PNUD), to coordinate his participation in the ANS seminar.	R1-R2-R3
	Meeting at the Sweden Embassy to negotiate a possible support to the project.	R1-R2-R3
	Coordination meeting with the responsible of the interlocation before the Congress.	R1-R2-R3
	Meeting with the Follow Up Commission.	R1-R2-R3
	Breakfast with the Guatemalan network for the Democratic Security.	R1-R2-R3
	Meeting with the Director of Civil Affairs of the Defense State Department, to evaluate current functions and future role of such office.	R1-R2-R3
	Meeting with the USAID direction to present and evaluate the project.	R1-R2-R3
	Monitoring meeting with CC of PESD institutions.	R2-R3
	Meeting with IGEDEP to evaluate PESD advances.	R1-R2
	Workshop about Social Conflict, in the frame of the	

Dic 2004	ANS Seminar.	R1-R2-R3
	Meeting at the Center of Strategic Studies of National Defense (CESDENA), about the proposal of the National Security System.	R2-R3
	Coordination meeting with representatives of WSP, to coordinate activities and evaluate PESD results.	R1-R2-R3
	Meeting of the Coordinate Commission of the Democratic Security Studies Program, and some members of CAS, to evaluate what has been carried out up to date and set forth the perspectives of continuation.	R1-R2-R3
	Jointly participation with members of CAS in Salcajá, Quetzaltenango, to present an analysis of current insecurity and evaluate participants' reactions.	R3
	CAS meeting with members of CC of PESD, to exchange criteria around the coordinating mechanisms.	R2-R3
	Signature of a Cooperation Agreement, with the National Follow Up and Support Commission for the Strengthening of Justice	R1-R2-R3